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FROM KORMANN

1. ON SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 13 AT 1820 HRS 3 ENLISTED MEN OFFLOADING CARGO FROM C-5 AIRCRAFT WERE INJURED AS A RESULT OF LOADING PALLET FALLING ON THEM. ACCIDENT CAUSED BY EGYPTIAN AN-12 TAXIING PAST TOO CLOSELY AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND THEN MAKING TURN WHICH DIRECTED PROP BLAST AT CARGO.

2. INJURED MEN, M/SGT SAMUEL REGI (USAF), SK3 GEORGE WIGHAM (USN) AND EC/CN GARY BUCHER (USN) WERE PROMPTLY TAKEN TO EGYPTIAN AF HOSPITAL WHERE, ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN SPARKS M.D. (USN) OF NAMRU, THEY WERE GIVEN EXCELLENT CARE. REGI HAD BROKEN BONE IN LEFT SHOULDER AND CRACKED RIB; WIGHAM HAD COMPRESSION FRACTURE OF VERTIBRA AND BUCHER BACK BRUISES. MEN WERE LATER TRANSFERRED TO UNEF/CANADIAN HOSPITAL HERE AND THEN MEDIVACED APRIL 14 TO NAPLES. THEY ARE IN GOOD CONDITION; BUCHER EXPECTED RETURN TO DUTY.

3. REMOVAL OF INJURED MEN FROM EGYPTIAN AF HOSPITAL AND SUBSEQUENT MEDIVAC WAS HANDLED WITH GREAT
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DISCRETION TO AVOID OFFENDING EGYPTIANS WHO REALLY

PROVIDED EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE AND GENERALLY
PERFORMED VERY WELL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. RIGHT
AFTER ACCIDENT SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY SENT FLOWERS
AND EGYPTIAN AIR MARSHAL MOBAREK OFFERED TO CALL ON
MEN SATURDAY NIGHT DESPITE LATE HOUR. SITUATION
WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN TROUBLESOME WAS WELL HANDLED
BY ALL INVOLVED.
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